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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT MINISTER'S REMARKS
AT ATHENAI AIR BASE

REF: ATHENS 4396

1. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, IT WAS NOT
INITIALLY CLEAR WHAT EXACTLY MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT
LASKARIS HAD PROMISED STRIKING GREEK WORKERS AT
ATHENAI AIR BASE ON JUNE 13 WHICH LED TO THE TERMINATION
OF THE STRIKE. AS A RESULT OF SUBSEQUENT CHECKING
BY THE EMBASSY, IT NOW APPEARS THAT LASKARIS DID NOT
(A) REFER TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS WHO LACKED WORK
PERMITS NOR (B) DID HE STATE THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD
COMMUNICATE WITH USAFE HQS IN GERMANY TO SEEK WAGE
COMPENSATION FOR THOSE WORKERS WHO HAD BEEN ON STRIKE.

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2. HOWEVER, LASKARIS APPARENTLY DID PLEDGE THAT THOSE
GREEK WORKERS ALREADY DISMISSED WHO HAD SERVED AS
FLIGHT LINE TECHNICIANS WOULD BE HIRED BY OLYMPIC
AIRLINES (OR THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE) AND THAT THE
OTHER DISMISSED EMPLOYEES WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN
JOBS BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. KUBISCH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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